A.—The GENERAL SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT (Mr. H. V. Ramasvami).—(*a*) 1,64,171 : Males 84,171, Females 80,000.

(*b*) No information.

(*c*) and (*d*) Information is not readily available.

Coffee Curing Works.

Q.—62. Mr. C. R. NIRVANAPPA SETTY (Special Interest).—Will the Government be pleased to state

(i) whether the Government are incurring any loss on account of starting the Sugar Factory at Mandya ;

(ii) if not, why should they not start "Coffee Curing Works" at Chickmagalur, which is the headquarters of the Kadur District and a coffee centre, by calling for shares in the same manner ?

A.—The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT (Mr. M. Venkatanaranappa).—

(i) No.

(ii) This is an independent proposition and requires to be considered on its merits.

Mr. C. R. NIRVANAPPA SETTY.—With reference to answer to (ii), when is the proposition to be considered ?

Mr. M. VENKATANARANAPPA.—It is under consideration by the Industries and Commerce Board.

Mr. C. R. NIRVANAPPA SETTY.—How long will they take to consider and when will Government pass orders in the matter ?

Mr. M. VENKATANARANAPPA.—After the receipt of the report from the Board, Government will pass orders.

Mr. T. MADIAH GOWDA.—Will Government start a peppermint factory as an adjunct to the Sugar Factory at Mandya ?

The FIRST MEMBER (Rajamantrapravina Diwan Bahadur K. Matthan).—That is a different matter.

Mr. M. SIDDALINGA SETTY.—Why not the Board consult coffee planters in the matter of starting curing works ?

Mr. M. VENKATANARANAPPA.—There are members on the Board of Industries and Commerce who are familiar with coffee and its problems. For instance, Dharmapravartha M. L. Nagappa Setty is on the board.

Acting Arrangement in Urdu Girls Schools.

Q.—69. Mr. K. A. RAHIM (Minorities).—Will the Government be pleased to state

(*a*) when was the mistress of Urdu Girls' School, Belur, transferred ;

(*b*) is the school closed on account of delay in appointing a mistress ;

(*c*) what is the reason for such a long delay ;

(*d*) are there any other institutions closed like this in the Hassan District—both Kannada and Urdu (boys' and girls' schools) ?

A.—The GENERAL SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT (Mr. H. V. Ramasvami).—(*a*) The mistress is on leave from 30th September 1934 and she is not transferred anywhere.

(*b*) Yes. It is closed from 20th May 1935.

(*c*) As per new Central Recruitment Board rules, only a Mahomedan lady candidate included in the list approved by the Central Recruitment Board has to be appointed to act in place of the permanent mistress on leave. Accordingly, 3 Mahomedan lady candidates from the approved list were appointed, one after another, to act at Belur Urdu Lower Primary Girls' School but all of them failed to join duty.

(*d*) The Urdu Lower Primary Girls' School at Arkalgud Fort is also kept closed from 20th May 1935 for the same reason.

Mr. J. MAHOMED IMAM.—If school mistresses are absent for long periods, is it right to keep the schools closed till they return ? Why should not substitutes be appointed promptly ?

Mr. H. V. RAMASVAMI.—Orders authorising the appointing officers to fill up short term vacancies by appointing locally available candidates have just been issued.